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Memorial Ground, Filton Avenue

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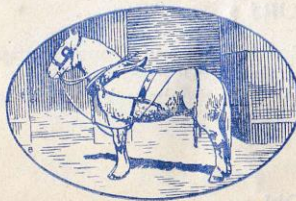
SEASON 1948-49

v GLOUCESTER



(Bristol Evening World Photo)

GEORGES' _____



BRISTOL BEERS

OUR VISITORS

This afternoon we have another most attractive fixture. Gloucester are our opponents and they are certain to provide one of the keenest matches of the season. The sight of their red and white jerseys will release memories, happy or painful, in the minds of old players, and lookers on will recall the many stern struggles between the two sides. It is certain that in the course of this afternoon's match the thirty players will give of their best. There are some people who look with disfavour on these full blooded encounters and who prefer a game where there is effeminate tackling leading to much running with the ball and a glut of scoring. One of the charms of the game of Rugby is its variety, no two games are alike, and in the course of the season we see many types of games. To get the utmost enjoyment out of the game it is necessary to extract what is good and neglect what is bad. The last Wednesday game had its interesting features. Many of us are apt to forget that the first aim of the players is to win the match, and to direct all their wits and skill to that end. The game is not merely an attractive type of entertainment, neither is it a cheap drug which makes us forget our worries. It would be folly for a captain of a side, when he perceives that his opponents are faster and more skilful, to play into their hands by encouraging his team to throw the ball in every direction. He has to devise means to overcome his disadvantages. The game is often a battle of wits between the two captains. The leader of the Gloucester XV this season is that excellent forward Gordon Hudson, son of a wing threequarter who in the old days gave the Bristol defence many anxious moments. As most of last season's players are available Gloucester are anticipating another successful season. On Saturday last they drew with Moseley at Gloucester. Their pack has been reinforced by the introduction of Bob Hodges, a second row Lancashire forward, and Dr. Murray, a Scottish Trial forward. Their pack should be very powerful. Then behind them is Willie Jones. He is always a delight to watch. I would compel every young back in Bristol to watch the perfection of his technique in fielding and kicking a ball. He came near to Test Match honours at cricket and to-day plays his first Rugger game of the season. The Gloucester eight will have no easy task in their battle with the Bristol forwards. In the three matches which Bristol have played this season the forwards have played extremely well. On Saturday last they more than held their own with the Newport pack, a considerable feat. Behind the scrum Bristol have not been seen to such advantage. Experiments are being made with the resources at our command and we shall have to be patient until we can find a happy blend. We welcome Gloucester once more to the Memorial Ground and we all hope that we shall see a game worthy of the traditions of the two sides.

COUNTY HONOURS

George Gibbs, Roy Muller and Doug. Pratten have been picked for Gloucestershire against Oxfordshire.
Merv. Hill and Ken Griffin have been selected for the Somersetshire trial.

BRISTOL v. CLIFTON

Do not forget the Bristol and Clifton match on Wednesday next.
Kick-off 6 p.m.

A DIP INTO THE PAST

An old programme has been lent to us for perusal by a member, Mr. George Langfield, of the Bristol v. Gloucester match played at the County Ground, on October 19th, 1901. The teams taking part were: Bristol—Oates; Vaughan, Adamson, Timms, Bush; Needs, Foster; Mathias (Capt.), Courtney, Channon, Sweet, Wilcox, Harris, Claridge, Thomas. Gloucester—Romans; Clutterbuck, Stephens, Cook, Smith; Goddard, Hall; Hall, Click, Miller, Spiers, West, Cowell, Lewis, Watkins. No initials are given, so perhaps you old timers can add these. The result was—Bristol (1 Drop Goal, 1 Try), 7 Points; Gloucester (1 Try), 3 Points.

Up to this match Bristol had played five and won five, points for 70, against 12. United Bristol (home), Leicester (away), Treherbert (home), Cardiff (home), R.N.E. College (home) all having been beaten. Teams on the fixture list which we do not see on our ground these days were: Cheltenham, Exmouth, Sherborne School, Old Sherburnians, Devon Albion, Pontypridd, Old Edwardians, Mountain Ash, Bridgwater Albions, Rosslyn Park, Lennox, Manchester, Berkshire Wanderers. No doubt some of these Clubs are now defunct.

One of the Notes reads thus: "All our season tickets are gone. Boys' tickets, 2/6, can, however, still be obtained." Perhaps some of you remember buying these boys' tickets at 2/6.

One of the advertisements reads: "Bristol Old Beers. Ales and Stouts in Brilliant Condition." We like the "brilliant condition." This is a new one on us.

FIRST XV FIXTURES 1948-49

Date	Opponents	Ground	Kick-off	Result	Points	
					For	Agst.
Sept. 4	Stroud	Home	3.15	Won	8	5
" 11	Swansea	Home	3.15	Won	8	5
" 15	Weston-super-Mare	Home	6.0	Lost	3	6
" 18	Newport	Away	3.15	Won	16	9
" 25	Gloucester	Home	6.0	Lost	3	6
" 29	Clifton	Home	3.15			
Oct. 2	Devonport Services	Away	3.15			
" 4	Penzance and Newlyn	Away	3.15			
" 9	Llanelli	Away	3.15			
" 16	Bath	Home	3.15			
" 23	Nottingham	Home	3.15			
" 30	Cardiff	Home	3.15			
Nov. 6	Harlequins	Away	3.0			
" 13	Bedford	Home	3.0			
" 20	R.N.E. College (Keyham)	Away	3.0			
" 27	Wasps	Home	2.45			
Dec. 4	Newport	Away	2.45			
" 11	Pontypool	Home	2.45			
" 18	Leicester	Home	2.45			
" 27	Pontypool	Home	3.0			
" 28	Old Merchant Taylors	Home	3.0			
Jan. 1	Plymouth	Away				
" 8	Cardiff	Away				
" 15	Northampton	Away				
" 22	Gloucester	Home	3.0			
" 29	Blackheath	Home	3.0			
Feb. 5	Oxford University	Away	3.15			
" 12	Richmond	Home	3.15			
" 19	Swansea	Away	3.15			
" 26	Bath	Home	3.15			
Mar. 5	Moseley	Away	3.15			
" 12	United Ser. (Portsmouth)	Home	3.15			
" 19	Weston-super-Mare	Away				
" 24	St. Mary's Hospital	Away				
" 26	Clifton	Away				
" 30	Exeter	Home	3.15			
April 2	Neath	Home	6.15			
" 6	Coventry	Away	3.15			
" 9	Leicester	Home	3.15			
" 16	Northampton	Home	3.15			
" 18	Newbridge	Away				
" 20	Harlequins	Home	3.15			
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BRISTOL v. GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1948

BRISTOL
Colours—Blue and White

Full Back
(A) **P. SULLIVAN** 22 34

Threequarters
Right Wing (B) **P. CHANDLER** 5
Right Centre (C) **J. B. WESTLAKE**
Left Centre (D) **R. WOOD** 3
Left Wing (E) **A. LIDDEATT**

Half Backs
Outside Half (F) **J. B. DALZIEL**
Scrum Half (G) **P. MURPHY**

Forwards
(H) **G. A. GIBBS (Capt.)**
(I) **F. C. HILL**
(J) **J. J. WATKINS**
(K) **R. REDMAN**
(L) **G. HOGARTH**
(M) **D. PRATTEN**
(N) **R. MULLER**
(O) **J. WOODWARD**

Kick-off
3.15 p.m.



Referee:
E. J. SIMMONDS
(Devon R.F.U.)

GLOUCESTER
Colours—Cherry and White

Full Back
(1) **W. HOOK**

Threequarters
Right Wing (5) **C. CRABTREE**
Right Centre (4) **R. SUTTON**
Left Centre (3) **K. DANIELL**
Left Wing (2) **S. F. DANGERFIELD**

Half Backs
Outside Half (6) **W. E. JONES**
Scrum Half (7) **D. D. EVANS**

Forwards
(8) **T. DAY**
(9) **C. THOMAS**
(10) **F. DANIELL**
(11) **R. MORRIS**
(12) **J. WATKINS**
(14) **C. DUNN**
(15) **R. HODGE**
(16) **A. G. HUDSON (Capt.)**

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